



## BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



### Colonel James R. Stevenson Jr.

Colonel James R. Stevenson Jr. is Vice Commander of the 155th Air Refueling Wing at the Lincoln Municipal Airport, Nebraska. The Mission Statement for the 155th Air Refueling Wing is to “deliver fuel, cargo, people and support worldwide”. The wing provides global reach airpower and deploys expeditionary forces in support of worldwide combat, contingency and humanitarian requirements. The wing operates eight KC-135R aircraft performing air refueling, airlift and aeromedical evacuation missions supporting U.S. and coalition contingency operations and the U.S. Strategic Command strategic deterrence mission.



Colonel Stevenson received his commission through Officer Training School in 1989 after graduating from the University of Nebraska, Omaha, NE. He earned his pilot wings in 1990 and began his flying career as a First Assignment Instructor Pilot in the T-37B at Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma. As an Undergraduate Pilot Training Instructor Pilot, he rose in the squadron to Class Commander, Assistant Flight Commander and then served as the Squadron Commander's Executive Officer. In 1994, he was reassigned to fly the C-130E with the 347th Composite Wing at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia. From 1994 to 1997, he held positions as a Tactician, Chief Scheduler and Mobility Flight Commander and gained extensive deployment experience in the European and Southwest Asian Areas of Responsibility.

Colonel Stevenson joined the Nebraska Air National Guard in 1997 and subsequently attended the KC-135R Tanker Qualification Course. He has held positions in the 173rd Air Refueling Squadron as Flight Commander, Chief of Training, Chief of Tactics, Director of Operations and Commander. Before taking command of the 170th Group, Colonel Stevenson was Commander of the 155th Operations Group in Lincoln, Nebraska. He was one of the initial cadre of pilots qualified on the Block 40 upgrade of the KC-135R and holds the position of senior member of the Air Mobility Command's KC-135 Cockpit Working Group. He is the Air National Guard Action Officer for the KC-135R Block 45 upgrade. Colonel Stevenson has combat flight time in contingency operations ALLIED FORCE, SOUTHERN WATCH, NORTHERN WATCH, NOBLE EAGLE, ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM.

#### Education:

- 1987 Bachelor of General Studies, University of Nebraska/Omaha
- 1994 Squadron Officer School in residence, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2003 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2006 Combat Aircrew Tactics Senior Officers Course, McGuire AFB, NJ
- 2007 Air War College, by correspondence
- 2012 ANG Senior Leaders Maintenance Course, ANG Readiness Center, Joint Base Andrews, MD
- 2012 Joint Task Force Commanders Course, NORTHCOM, Peterson AFB, CO
- 2012 ANG Commanders Development Course, ANG Readiness Center, Joint Base Andrews, MD
- 2012 Joint Domestic Operations Course, JFHQ Nebraska National Guard, NE
- 2013 Master of Business Administration, Bellevue University

## **Assignments:**

1. January 1989 – February 1990; student pilot, Vance Air Force Base, OK.
2. February 1990 – July 1990; T-37 Pilot Instructor Training Course, Randolph AFB, TX
3. July 1990 – March 1994; T-37B Instructor Pilot, Class Commander, Executive Officer, 8<sup>th</sup> Flying Training Squadron, 71<sup>st</sup> Flying Training Wing, Vance AFB, OK
4. March 1994 – June 1994; C-130 Initial and Tactical Qualification, Little Rock AFB, AR
5. July 1994 – November 1997; C-130E Aircraft Commander 52<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Squadron, 347<sup>th</sup> Composite Wing, Moody AFB, GA
6. December 1997 – September 2005; Aircraft Commander, Instructor/Evaluator Pilot, KC-135R; Flight Commander, Chief of Training and Tactics, 173<sup>rd</sup> Air Refueling Squadron, 155<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, Nebraska Air National Guard, NE
7. October 2005 – February 2008, Director of Operations, 173<sup>rd</sup> Air Refueling Squadron;
8. February 2008 – September 2010; Commander, 173<sup>rd</sup> Air Refueling Squadron;
9. September 2010 – July 2011; Commander, 155<sup>th</sup> Operations Group, 155<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, Lincoln ANGB, Nebraska
10. July 2011 – March 2013; Commander, 170<sup>th</sup> Group, Nebraska Air National Guard, Offutt AFB, NE
11. March 2013 – Present; Vice Commander, 155<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, Lincoln ANGB, Nebraska

## **Flight Information:**

Rating: Command Pilot - Flight Hours: Over 4,000

Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, C-130E, KC-135R, OC-135, RC-135

## **Major Awards and Decorations**

Air Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with 5 oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal

Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with 9 oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal with service star

Armed Forces Expeditionary medal

Southwest Asia Service Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Armed Forces Services Medal with service star

Air Force Overseas Ribbon Long

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border and 1 oak leaf cluster

Air Force Longevity Service Award with 2 oak leaf clusters

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 1 'M' Device and silver hourglass

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon

Air Force Training Ribbon

## **Effective Dates of Promotion**

Second Lieutenant – 27 January 1989

First Lieutenant – 27 January 1991

Captain – 27 January 1993

Major – 14 October 2000

Lieutenant Colonel – 16 June 2005

Colonel – 9 September 2011

(Current as of January 2014)